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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform Stakeholders that the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver amendments submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in September 2020 were approved.

Information:

CMS approved the amendments for the following HCBS waivers with an effective date of January 1, 2021: Persons with Brain Injury (BI); Children's Extensive Support (CES); Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS); Children With Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI); Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP); Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS); Developmental Disabilities (DD); Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD); Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI); and Supported Living Services (SLS).

To view the full approved waiver applications, please visit the Department's website at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition>.

The approved waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Update on Conflict-Free Case Management (CFCM) Implementation (All)
- Addition of Single-Entry Point (SEP) Rural Exception (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Update SEP composition (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Inclusion of Virtual Case Management (All)
- Update to Case Management Agency Performance Measures and Frequency of Performance Reviews (All)
- Update language to reference the Department's obligation to terminate a CMA contract for noncompliance (All)
- Update Critical Incident Reporting (BI, CHCBS, CMHS, EBD)
- Update Language to reflect the removal of the Professional Medical Information Page (PMIP) in reassessment processes (All)
- Inclusion of Digital Signatures (All)
- Update Performance Measure (PM) Language (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CMHS, DD, EBD, SLS)
- Update Performance Measure (BI, EBD, CMHS, SLS)
- Update Respite Settings (BI, EBD, SCI)
- Update to CHRP's Intensive Supports and Transition Supports (CHRP)
- Update Provider Qualifications for Bereavement Counseling (CLLI)
- Update meeting frequency for Home Modification Stakeholder workgroup (BI)
- Removal of specific vendors named in Appendix A to the more generic referent for this contracted entity role (DD, SLS)
- Update Post-Payment Review language (All)
- 1% Across the Board Rate Reductions (All)
- Local Minimum Wage Increases for Denver Providers (All)
- Rate Increase for Residential Child Care Facility (RCCF)
- Update Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) training vendor compensation (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
- Addition of QIO Functions (BI, CHCBS, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
- Update Case Management (CM) Listed Responsibilities (BI, CMHS, EBD)

To review more information regarding these changes for the amendment please view the [Waiver Amendment Fact Sheet – August 2020](#).

Attachment(s):

None

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